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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC ROSE 4.5% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 4.5 percent in May, compared with the same month a year ago, and was up 7.5 percent for the first five months, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in May increased 9.7 percent. Available seat miles rose 17.0 percent. The load factor was 61.4 percent, down from 65.5 percent in May of 1985.

International passenger traffic in May declined 14.8 percent. Available seat miles increased by 9.5 percent. The load factor was 49.7 percent, down from 63.9 percent in the same month a year earlier.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first five months increased 9.1 percent. Available seat miles were up 10.7 percent. The load factor was 60.5 percent, down from 61.4 percent in the same period a year ago.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in the first five months was up 0.4 percent. Available seat miles increased by 16.7 percent. The load factor was 54.8 percent, a decline from 63.7 percent in the first five months of 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1986 - 1985

		MAY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	22,788,335	37,110,419	61.4	107,127,225	177,113,389	60.5
	85	20,774,450	31,717,775	65.5	98,206,900	159,995,697	61.4
PERCENT CHANGE		9.7	17.0		9.1	10.7	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,806,723	9,676,186	49.7	21,786,045	39,746,742	54.8
	85	5,644,916	8,837,364	63.9	21,701,250	34,063,215	63.7
PERCENT CHANGE		(14.8)	9.5		0.4	16.7	
TOTAL	86	27,595,058	46,786,605	59.0	128,913,270	216,860,131	59.4
	85	26,419,366	40,555,139	65.1	119,908,150	194,058,912	61.8
PERCENT CHANGE		4.5	15.4		7.5	11.7	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.